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(b) whether it is a fact that when officers due to retire apply for leave preparatory to retirement they have been in many cases refused leave; and if so, whether such officers are entitled to enjoy leave after retirement virtually entitling extension of service;

(c) whether the Government have considered the desirability of stopping the procedure mentioned in (b);

(d) whether it is a fact that re-employment or extension of service or refusal to grant leave preparatory to retirement, results in blocking the chances of promotion of those who would have otherwise normally secured promotion;

(e) whether it is a fact that the action of the kind mentioned in (d) has created heart-burning in officers who are looking forward to normal promotions; and

(f) whether the Government propose to issue instructions not to entertain or submit proposals for either re-employment of retired persons or for extension of service of those due to retire or refuse to grant leave preparatory to retirement?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" (a), (c) & (f) In practice Government servants are generally not granted any extension of service. In cases where the services of senior men on the verge of retirement are required, they are retired and subsequently re-employed. The policy of the Government is to discourage even cases of such re-employment and this policy is followed consistent with public interest. The Government consider that the instructions already issued in the matter are sufficient.

" (b) The answer to the first part of the question is that there have occasionally been such cases and the answer to the second part is in the affirmative.

" (d) Theoretically it is so but in practice such block in promotion will not arise as re-employment is resorted to only if qualified and suitable candidates are not available for appointment or promotion in the normal way.

" (e) The Government are not aware of any such heart-burning. Nor do they believe that there is any such thing in view of their policy mentioned in the answer to clauses (a), (c) and (f)."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it, Sir, that generally the heads of departments follow the instructions of the Government and only in exceptional cases and in cases where a deviation is to be made, they approach the Government to consider the desirability of either extending or re-employing retired men? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" Yes, Sir, it is so."

Distribution of cloth in the city.

* 100 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) what the arrangements are for the distribution of cloth in the city;

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(b) whether there is any permit system for sale to consumers; and if so, who the sanctioning authority is;

(c) whether the Provincial Textile Commissioner has issued special permits over and above the rationed quantity for cloth for certain consumers; and if so, the number of such cases in the city, the names of persons and the yardage sanctioned in respect of each case; and

(d) the circumstances under which consumers are entitled to receive such special permits in addition to permitted ration?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (a) There is no restriction on the purchase of handloom cloth as sufficient quantities of handloom cloth are available in the varieties to which the people are accustomed. Mill cloth however, has been rationed as it is in short supply. From August 1946 to 31st December 1946 an interim ration at the rate of 4 yards per adult and 2 yards per child was enforced in the City of Madras. This ration could be bought by any family on production of its food ration card. The full rationing scheme was introduced in Madras from 1st January 1947. A flat rate of 5 yards per adult and 2 yards per child per annum has been adopted in all the areas in the Province including the city. Separate cloth ration cards have been distributed to all the families in the city.

" (b) With the introduction of the interim ration a system of special permits was enforced to mitigate hardships in the following cases :—

(i) supplies to hospitals, nursing homes, etc., and for industrial and other similar purposes for which cloth is not used as wearing apparel;

(ii) persons residing in hotels or hostels and who have, therefore, no individual food ration cards. (Supply in these cases will be limited to the quantity admissible under the rationing scheme);

(iii) employees in transport companies, e.g., bus companies, who have to wear uniforms as prescribed under the rules promulgated by the Government;

(iv) employees in firms and institutions who are customarily supplied with uniforms by the employers;

(v) other bona fide consumers, such as persons proceeding overseas and others where the officer granting the permit was satisfied that some quantities of cloth over and above the prescribed ration should be allowed the quantity and varieties thus permitted being fixed in that officer's discretion.

These permits were at first issued by the Provincial Textile Commissioner. But a committee has now been set up consisting of the Additional Secretary to Government, Development Department, the Joint Secretary to Government (Planning and Development) and the Provincial Textile Commissioner to dispose of all applications for special permits.

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"(c) & (d) The time and energy spent on collecting this information will not be commensurate with the results."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, Sir, whether any of the Ministers had received a special permit for three hundred yards of cloth?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I would like to have notice, Sir, and certainly the question will be answered in due course."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, Sir, whether it was published in one of the Madras dailies?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I think there was also a statement on this published by the Publicity Officer of the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that at present even card-holders are not able to obtain their ration cloth in the city?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the scarcity of mill cloth, may I ask whether the system of special permits will be altogether removed?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" There might arise some difficulties but I can assure the hon. member that they have been absolutely limited and this committee has been set up for that purpose."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Referring to answer to clause (c) of my question refers only to the city, may I ask if the list of persons for whom special permits have been sanctioned in the city cannot be furnished?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I would be glad to give that information but even that information will contain a number of pages."

Sanskrit colleges in the Province.

* 101 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO (on behalf of Sri K. Madhava Menon): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of Sanskrit colleges in the Province and in what districts they are;

(b) how many of them are run by the Government and how many by private agencies;

(c) the names of the districts in which the Government are running the Sanskrit colleges;

(d) what are the courses of studies followed in the respective colleges; and

(e) how many of them are qualifying students for the Degree Course (B.O.L.)?